

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

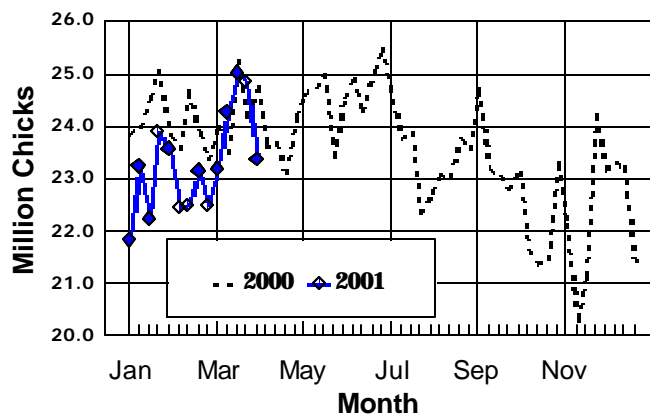
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.4 million during the week ending April 7, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000, and 6 percent below the revised previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through April 7, 2001 were 326.0 million, down 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 25.0 million, slightly above the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.0 percent.

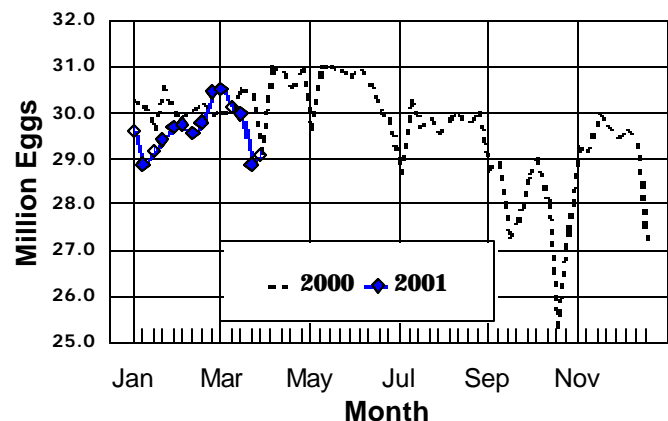
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 7, 2001, 6 percent below the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Mar. 3	24,043	22,485	94	24,797	24,515	99	30,063	30,460	101
Mar. 10	23,490	23,203	99	24,722	24,466	99	30,079	30,536	102
Mar. 17	25,285	24,259	96	24,695	24,708	100	30,563	30,162	99
Mar. 24	24,194	25,011	103	24,901	25,259	101	30,408	29,987	99
Mar. 31	24,765	24,837	100	24,967	25,336	101	29,139	28,886	99
Apr. 7	23,653	23,354	99	25,035	25,042	100	31,071	29,060	94

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
STATE	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	07-Apr		03-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	07-Apr	
Alabama	28,653	28,597	29,046	29,117	99	21,304	21,388	21,177	21,477	22,454	22,162	105
ARKANSAS	30,162 *	29,987 *	28,886	29,060	94	22,485	23,203	24,259	25,011 *	24,837 *	23,354	99
Delaware	3,574	3,682	3,670	3,454	82	4,905	4,817	5,250	4,724 *	5,276	5,589	111
Florida	2,679	2,695	2,678	2,694	93	2,353	2,408	2,400	2,364	2,230	2,294	97
Georgia	31,873	31,851	31,519 *	32,377	100	24,227	24,779	25,941 *	26,312 *	26,049 *	25,570	101
Maryland	8,888	8,608	8,624	8,947	98	5,717	5,602	6,140	5,714	5,377	5,260	84
Mississippi	18,821	19,018	18,670	18,898	103	15,174	15,388	15,151	15,954	15,662	15,744	102
N. Carolina	18,290 *	18,017	17,948	17,923	99	14,284	14,716	14,873	14,495	14,685	14,446	103
Pennsylvania	3,794	3,548	3,806 *	3,980	108	2,402	2,689	2,744	2,838	2,872 *	3,125	109
S. Carolina	4,983	5,051	4,911	4,889	101	4,044	3,702	3,754	4,245	3,797	4,201	127
Texas	14,798	14,851	14,684	15,192	101	11,415	11,443	11,643	11,778	11,617	11,558	101
Virginia	6,717	6,883	6,686	6,731	102	5,592	5,859	5,373	5,659	5,287	5,450	97
CA TN & W VA	11,483	11,342	11,609 *	11,638	97	9,981	10,412	10,268	10,176	10,091 *	10,270	93
Total 2000-2001	184,715 *	184,130 *	182,737 *	184,900		143,883	146,406	148,973 *	150,747 *	150,234 *	149,023	
Total 1999-2000	184,452	184,908	184,583	187,912		141,126	142,475	147,869	147,502	149,908	147,350	
% PREV. YEAR	100	100	99	98		102	103	101	102	100	101	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001.....						21-Apr	28-Apr	05-May	12-May	19-May	26-May	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 185 million eggs during the week ending April 7, 2001. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 7, 2001. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through April 7, 2001 were 2.03 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.